

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
July 17, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry and Beth Butler

Members absent: Mary Brundage and Jane Snyder

Motion made to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Roy Henry. Accepted 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Flags for Veterans' Graves

Committee Members placed over 1700 flags on Veteran's Grave on Sunday, May 21, 2007

2. Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery

Brian Ricker from Allan and Major Associates has completed a plot plan for the Aldrich Buxton Cemetery. This plan will be filed at the Registry of Deeds after it is approved by the Cemetery Committee.

Motion by Jill Kenrick to accept the plot plan for the Aldrich Buxton Cemetery submitted by Brian Ricker from Allan and Major Associates.
Second by Roy
Unanimous

Chairman Merriam will forward a maintenance list for the cemetery to BJ's for their landscaping crew to take care of (attached)

3. Norden Cemetery

Terry French, from the Secretary of State's Office, has contacted Laurie Berthillette about the Norden Cemetery Records. No progress has been made. See attached e-mail.

Jill Kenrick and Sheryl Romasco have started researching the families buried in this cemetery. Almost all families have been connected. There are a few individuals who can not be identified - other than name and dates. The next step will be to go the Town Halls of Blackstone and Millville to check death records for more information.

While doing research, 15 people have been recorded as buried in the Norden Cemetery in the Uxbridge and Blackstone Vital Records. These records are death notices signed by an undertaker and doctor. These people have no stones but are connected to families with stones. This confirms the Historic Cemetery Committee's suspicions that more people are actually buried in this cemetery than we have records for.

Now that we have no "official" records for the Norden Cemetery, we can set up rules for the cemetery, including maintenance and interment. The Committee will consult with Dick Buma.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roy Henry and Mary Brundage have been reappointed to the Historic Cemetery Committee.

2. Donations

We have received 2 donations.

Buffum Family Association - \$50.00 for the Buffum Cemetery

Marleen Bacon - \$50.00 for the Norden Cemetery.

The Buffum Family Association will be having their annual meeting in Salem, MA in August of 2008. Some of the members plan to make a visit to the cemetery.

3. Cemetery Information

Louis Desruisseaux has found information for the Norden Cemetery in Mr. Edward Roy's collection. It has been copied and added to our files.

4. Prospect Hill Cemetery

Sheryl Romasco has been appointed to the Board of Trustees for Prospect Hill Cemetery.

5. Shove Cemetery

Beth Butler noted that the house next to the Shove Cemetery is for sale. This family had been maintaining the Shove Cemetery. The cemetery is now in need of maintenance. Beth asked to have Chris Cota remove the saplings and weed whack the area. Chairman Merriam will contact Chris about this issue.

6. Bassett Cemetery

Jill Kenrick has started the data file for Bassett Cemetery. She went to the cemetery and found there were more gravestones than we had originally listed in our files. Jill provided us with a map of the cemetery with the stone placements. These names and the names of 3 people who are listed in the Vital Records of MA as buried in the Bassett cemetery have been added to our files.

7. Richardson Cemeteries

Richardson Cemetery on South Street - Jill Kenrick has received pictures of the old farmhouse from Nellie Martinson. We will add these to our collection. There are unidentified people in the pictures. We will try to identify them by using vital records and family information.

Joseph Richardson Cemetery - Douglas Pike. The highline gate was broken. Roy reported it and it was fixed. Roy will check with the police department to get keys for the gate.

8. Roy Henry has found information about Marie B Green, an Army nurse from the Civil War, buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

9. Work should be starting in August on the bridge over the Mumford River. Larry Bombara has assured the Committee that we can have the railings. These will then be used at various cemeteries to replace and/or repair damaged and missing fencing.

10. Chairman Merriam shared a letter from the Board of Selectman about Executive Sessions. The information has been placed on file.

11. The Historic Cemetery Committee does not meet in June or August.

12. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Beth Butler; seconded by Jill Kenrick.

Unanimous.